GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CLEANING OF RIVERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount spent for making Godavari, Cauvery and Krishana rivers pollution free during the last five years and current year, till date, river-wise;

(b) whether several factories are still polluting these rivers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the desired results have not been achieved even after installation of treatment plants particularly under Godavari Action Plan;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Government to make them pollution free?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) The total amount released to the concerned implementing agencies for making Godavari, Cauvery and Krishna rivers pollution free during the last five years and current year, till date, river-wise is given below:

(Rs.in lakhs)

S.No.	State	Rivers	1995-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-2000	2000-01	TOTAL
1.	Tamil Nadu	Cauvery	105.98	85.62	0.00	90.00	649.57	2896.00	3827.17
2.	Karnatka	Cauvery	79.72	115.00	0.00	90.00	435.65	309.00	1029.37
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Godavari	163.81	210.00	200.00	0.00	677.89	0.00	1251.70
4.	Maharashtra	Krishna Godavari	40.01	12.79	100.00	0.00	233.00	1199.80	1685.60
	TOTAL		489.52	423.41	300.00	180.00	1996.11	4404.80	7793.84

(b)&(c) There are 82 factories in Tamil Nadu and one in Karnataka polluting Cauvery, 2 in Karnataka polluting Krishna and 10 in Maharashtra polluting Godavari.

(d)&(e) The treatment plants are under implementation under these Action Plans. The desired results can be expected only after the projects are completed.

(f) In order to make these rivers pollution free, these have been included under the National River Conservation Plan and pollution abatement works of the following categories are being implemented along the polluted stretches of these rivers:

(i) Interception and diversion works to capture the raw sewage flowing into the river and divert it for treatment.

(ii) Sewage treatment plants for treating the diverted sewage.

(iii) Low cost sanitation works to prevent open defecation on river banks.

(iv) Electric and improved wood based crematoria to conserve wood and prevent the pollution of rivers.

(v) River front development works such as improvement of bathing ghats etc.

(vi) Other miscellaneous works.